



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2376
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act
Amendments of 1997

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 11, 1998

SUMMARY

H.R. 2376 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for fiscal year 1999 to the Departments of Commerce and the Interior for making payments to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The payments would be available to the foundation to match contributions received from private, state, and local organizations to carry out various wildlife programs. Other bill provisions, which would amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, would have no impact on federal spending. Many of these provisions would clarify existing laws regarding the foundation's investment and use of federally appropriated funds. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2376 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that the Departments of Commerce and the Interior would pay the NFWF a total of \$25 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 1999. The authorized payment is the same as the current annual authorization (which expires at the end of this fiscal year) but is \$19 million higher than the amount appropriated for the NFWF for 1998. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2376 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	6	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	25	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	25	0	0	0	0
Spending Under H.R. 2376						
Authorization Level ^a	6	25	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	25	0	0	0	0

a. The 1998 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2376 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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